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SUBJECT:TOGOLESE IRREDENTISM AND 30TH UNGA

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SUMMARY: A DECLARATION SIGNED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF WESTERN TOGOLAND" APPEARED IN OCTOBER 10 ISSUE OF NEW YORK TIMES. DECLARATION PRESENTED ARGUMENTS THAT TOGOLAND IS DIVIDED NATION, AND CALLED UPON THE UN AND GREAT BRITAIN TO TAKE MEASURES TO ASSURE REUNIFICATION. ANNOUNCEMENT MAY BE FIRST SALVO IN GROUP'S EFFORT TO START DEBATE ON WESTERN TOGOLAND IN 30TH UNGA. END SUMMARY.

1. HALF-PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN OCTOBER 10 NEW YORK TIMES CONSISTED OF QUOTE DECLARATION OF THE DELEGATION OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF WESTERN TOGOLAND TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESS IN NEW YORK DURING THE 30TH GA UNQUOTE. STATEMENT

PRESENTED FOLLOWING POINTS: A) TOGOLAND IS DIVIDED NATION, AND HAS BEEN SINCE 1918; B) 1956 PLEBISCITE HELD IN WESTERN TOGOLAND UNDER UN AUSPICES WAS INVALID; C) EVEN IF RESULTS OF PLEBISCITE WERE VALID, GHANA HAS ANNEXED WESTERN TOGOLAND CONTRARY TO TERMS OF PLEBISCITE WHICH CALLED FOR UNION ON EQUAL BASIS; D) GREAT BRITAIN AND UNITED NATIONS HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE MATTER IS BROUGHT TO JUST CONCLUSION.

2. DECLARATION CONTAINED STRONG ATTACK ON BOTH GHANA AND GREAT BRITAIN FOR 1957 ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY BRITISH TOGOLAND WAS INCORPORATED INTO GHANA. CONTRAST IS DRAWN BY LIBERATION GROUP WITH PALESTINE, WHERE IN 1949 GREAT BRITAIN RESIGNED ITS TRUSTEESHIP AND RELINQUISHED AUTHORITY TO THE UN. DECLARATION ASKS RHETORICALLY WHY SIMILAR PROCEDURE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED IN CASE OF WESTERN TOGOLAND.

3. GHANA IS REPRIMANDED BY GROUP FOR DENYING TRUE REPRESENTATION TO INHABITANTS OF WESTERN TOGOLAND. DECLARATION NOTES THAT NO NATIVE OF DISPUTED AREA IS MEMBER OF CURRENT NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL.

4. COMMENT: BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOBBYING IS TO DATE ONLY EFFORT MADE BY WESTERN TOGOLANDERS AT UNGA TO GAIN SPOTLIGHT. THEY HAVE NOT YET HELD PRESS CONFERENCE, NOR HAVE THEY HAD A CHANCE TO MEET WITH THE COMMITTEE OF 24 ON DECOLONIZATION. ADVERTISEMENT IS THUS FIRST PUBLIC APPEAL FOR SUPPORT.

5. COPIES OF DECLARATION BEING POUCHED ACTION ADDRESSES. KISSINGER

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